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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022

**TIME:** Rise of the House

**PLACE:** Room 101 - State House

### SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7134](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Noret, Shallcross Smith, Baginski, Solomon, C Lima, Alzate, Kazarian, McGaw, Donovan, Cortvriend**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CANCER {LC3381/1}  
(Collects and disaggregates data on childhood cancer within the state's comprehensive cancer control program.)

01/20/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/08/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/01/2022 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7299](#)**

**BY Bennett, Kislak, Baginski, Giraldo, S Lima, Solomon, Shanley, Slater, Diaz, Corvese**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS {LC4301/1} (Changes the definition of collaboration for physician assistants/increases continuing education to 50 hours/adds licensed nurse practitioners and physician assistants to the School and Youth concussion act.)

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/03/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/01/2022 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7399](#)**

**BY Carson**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS IN FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS {LC4290/1} (Requires food service establishments to add an additional warning to their menus relative to food allergens and impose a penalty upon those establishments for failure to include the warnings on its menus. Failure to comply shall result in fines.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/03/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/01/2022 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7559](#)**

**BY Speakman, Carson, Morales, Kislak, Cortvriend, Potter, Knight, Donovan, Fogarty ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES {LC4409/1}** (Requires operators of nursing homes to provide the department of health with detailed information on ownership and any person having an interest in the land, building or operation of the facility.)

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/09/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/01/2022 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7879](#)**

(Office of Healthy Aging)

**BY Serpa, Donovan**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY {LC5045/1}** (Amends the composition of the home and community care advisory committee.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/16/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/01/2022 Scheduled for consideration

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE**

**House Bill No. [7134 SUB A](#)**

{LC3381/A/1}

**House Bill No. [7559 SUB A](#)**

{LC4409/A/1}

**SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

**House Bill No. [7664](#)**

(Dept. of Revenue)

**BY Barros, Alzate, Solomon, Amore, Felix, Giraldo, Fenton-Fung, Kazarian, Potter**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - VITAL RECORDS {LC5231/1}** (Adds the division of taxation, division of motor vehicles and department of revenue to those agencies who receive lists of reported deaths.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7668](#)**

(BHDDH)

**BY Bennett**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW {LC5241/1} (Includes licensed advanced practice registered nurses (APRN), certified in psychiatric/mental health, as qualified to certify the need for mental health treatment in certain patients.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7669](#)**

(BHDDH)

**BY Cassar, Kislak, McNamara, Kazarian, Bennett**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW {LC5242/1} (Amends provisions of law relative to the disclosure of confidential health care records and the disclosure thereof occurring through electronic means.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7672](#)**

**BY Williams, Giraldo, Morales, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC4002/1} (Mandates a patient shall not be denied appropriate care on the basis of age/sex/gender identity/sexual orientation, race/color/marital status/familial status/disability/religion/national origin/source of income/source of payment or profession.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7674](#)**

**BY C Lima, McLaughlin, Perez, Cardillo**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC5271/1} (Mandates the department of health, in conjunction with the department of education, to conduct a cost-benefit analysis before a mandate relating to the health and safety of children in schools would be issued.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/29/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7759](#)**

**BY Edwards, Bennett, Kennedy, Williams**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES {LC5159/1} (Requires any person who transports a patient by a stretcher in a vehicle to be licensed as an emergency medical services provider through the director of health.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7801](#)**

**BY Cassar, McGaw, Kislak, Ranglin-Vassell, Diaz, Donovan, Cortvriend, Williams, Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE {LC4978/1}** (Establishes a plan to improve the promotion of social and emotional well-being of young children as well as screening, assessment, diagnosis and treatment of mental health challenges of infants and young children under the age of six (6).)

03/03/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7803](#)**

**BY Casey, Kazarian, Azzinaro, Phillips, Amore, Carson, Kennedy, Craven**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PROGRAM OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY {LC3676/1}** (Ensures that all hospitals and hospital-owned professional practices accept payment for all-inclusive elderly care which is no more than one hundred (100%) of what Medicare would pay for the same services.)

03/03/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7804](#)**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY Casey, Craven, Kazarian, Bennett, Filippi, Fenton-Fung, Chippendale, Messier, Williams, Kislak**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES {LC5240/1}** (Amends the conditions upon which a nurse would be exempt from certain licensing requirements to include eligibility to practice before taking and receiving results of the NCLEX exam.)

03/03/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7869](#)**

**BY Casey**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH {LC5423/1}** (Prohibits the sale or offer for sale of any flavored electronic nicotine-delivery system.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/28/2022 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7870](#)**

**BY Tanzi, Felix, McGaw, Ajello, Batista**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH {LC5292/1} (Prohibits the sale of certain flavored tobacco products and electronic nicotine-delivery systems with exemptions for compassion centers and licensed cultivators registered with the Rhode Island department of business regulation.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/28/2022 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7871](#)**

**BY Tanzi, Cortvriend**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH {LC5354/1} (Prohibits the sale or offer for sale of any flavored electronic nicotine delivery system.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/28/2022 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7872](#)**

**BY Fogarty, Carson, Hull, J Lombardi, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Donovan, Ruggiero, McEntee, Ranglin-Vassell**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS {LC5069/1} (Creates an entry-level licensing program to allow applicants to practice under supervision prior to becoming a licensed mental health counselor.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7880](#)**

**BY Tanzi, Felix, McGaw, Ajello, Batista, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5279/1} (Refines the current law so that the prohibition against denial of insurance coverage and for increased rates for person undergoing genetic testing will include at home genetic testing.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7881](#)**

**BY Tanzi, Cortvriend, Felix, McGaw, Batista, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Shallcross Smith, Kislak**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -- TOBACCO PRODUCT SALES' RESTRICTIONS {LC4447/1} (Prohibits the sale of certain flavored tobacco products and electronic nicotine-delivery systems with exemptions for compassion centers and licensed cultivations registered with the department of business regulation.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/28/2022 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8008](#)**

**BY Ackerman, McNamara, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Diaz**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC5454/1} (Allows health care facility to conduct human-subjects research on patients subject to 21 C.F.R. Pt 50 and/or 45 C.F.R. Pt 46 (relating to the informed consent of human subjects).)

03/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8032](#)**

**BY Bennett, Casimiro, Potter, Ajello, Handy, Speakman, Carson, Edwards, Fogarty, Slater**  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF NURSING SERVICE AGENCIES {LC5581/1} (Establishes maximum rate for services provided to client by a nurse may not exceed 200%.)

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/25/2022 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8053](#)**

**BY Edwards, Caldwell, Kislak, Ruggiero, Williams, Felix, Casey, Bennett, Slater, Kazarian**  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM {LC5483/1} (Extends the expiration date of the Harm Reduction Center Advisory Committee and Pilot Program by two years, from March 1, 2024, to March 1, 2026.)

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8054](#)**

**BY Kislak**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES {LC5538/1} (Amends the composition of the ambulance service coordinating advisory board by calling for recommendations from various societies.)

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

## **PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:**

### **TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM**

The meeting will be televised by Capitol Television on Cox Communications (channels 15, 61, and 1061 for high definition), Full Channel (on 15) and Verizon (on channel 34). Livestreaming is available at <https://www.rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

### **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

**Send written testimony to: [HouseHealthandHumanServices@rilegislature.gov](mailto:HouseHealthandHumanServices@rilegislature.gov)**

**Testimony must include: your name, bill number and viewpoint (for/against/neither).**

Any testimony received without a bill number may not be disseminated to members or posted to the website. Written testimony is posted to the General Assembly website as soon as possible. The posting of documents may be delayed due to high volume and will be delayed if submitted or hand-delivered at hearings.

### **IN PERSON TESTIMONY**

Individuals may testify in person, not by telephone. Sign-up sheets are available in/outside the hearing room. Signs/posters/pictures are not allowed to be displayed inside hearing room.

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